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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF
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Examiner: Fourson, III, G.

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The following Remarks are filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 14, 2001.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-27 are pending in the application, all of which are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview on July 18, 2001 with Daniel Sherr and Eckhard Kuesters.

Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Japanese Patent Publication No. 04157766, Gardner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,004,849), Choi (U.S. Patent No. 5,780,330), Chou et al. (1997 IEEE), and Kuroi et al. (J. Appl. Phys. 1995). Claims 14 and 15 recite a method comprising a step of